

Weekly Column April 21, 2005

This weekend is the official Earth Day celebration around the country. Of course, we here in Troy do things a little differently and are holding it next week, in hopes of better weather. I'm sure everyone has his or her fingers crossed.

But just because our official celebration is not until next week does not mean you have to wait until then to start cleaning up. The weather has been gorgeous this week, which has led me to start cleaning up my yard after work, something my back is not too happy about.

We're all looking forward to the Earth Day cleanup, but the cleanliness of the City depends upon year round cleaning, or at the very least, from March to October. So if the rain stays away this weekend, start your cleaning early, it can't hurt.

A few more reminders:

- Spring street cleaning is currently ongoing throughout the City. Remember to check the City's website or the Troy Record for the schedule. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 270-4579.
- Remember to cleanup your sidewalks and backyards before the sweepers come through. That way we can get it all at once. If you have any bulk trash that needs to be picked up, please call DPW to arrange a time.
- Beginning next month, the Alamo, located in South Troy across from the Rensselaer County Jail, will be open every third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for trash drop offs. Please, no renovation material or toxic waste. There will also be a \$2 charge for tires. The Alamo will also be open on April 30th for the Earth Day cleanup.

Just a few things to keep in mind when you're doing the annual spring cleanup. It's a very infectious act, once one person in the neighborhood starts cleaning; suddenly others begin to join in. That helps us in our goal to clean up the City block-by-block, neighborhood-by-neighborhood.

Hopefully the weather will stay nice, have a great weekend.

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